

DECISION RECORD

EA LOG #: OR-010-2006-05
Project Name: Pitcher Lane Material Site
Applicant: Lake County Road Department
Address: P.O. Box 908
Lakeview, OR 97630
County: Lake
BLM Office: Lakeview District

Decision:

The following is the decision of the Bureau: allow the Lake County Road Department (LCRD) to develop and utilize an expanded material site covering approximately 65 acres of public land south of Fort Rock, Oregon, as described for Alternative 1 in the environmental assessment. The road department would also be allowed to improve, create, and/or maintain approximately three thousand feet of road for site access. The material site is needed for routine and emergency county road maintenance in the general vicinity of Fort Rock, Oregon.

Rationale:

Allowing development of a new material site in close proximity to the county roads in the area provides a substantial savings to the county in terms of wear and tear on maintenance vehicles and hauling costs. It also allows the county to respond more quickly to emergency road repair needs and maintain or improve public access and safety in the surrounding area.

The proposal is consistent with management goals and direction in the *Lakeview Resource Management Plan/Record of Decision* (RMP/ROD; BLM 2003). Specifically, energy and mineral management goal 3 provides for meeting the demands for salable mineral materials by local, state, and Federal agencies and the public (page 91). The project area is open to salable mineral material disposal (Map M-8). The proposed road improvements, weed monitoring, and site rehabilitation actions are also consistent with the road management direction (page 99), best management practices (associated with road maintenance, surface disturbing activities, and mining; Appendix D, pages A-2 to A-6), noxious weed management (pages 37-38; Appendix D, page A-6; and Appendix G, page A-165) and site rehabilitation direction (Table L2-1, pages A-170 to A-171). Making juniper removed from the site available for public firewood collection would also be consistent with the forest and woodland management goal 2 (pages 33-35).

Public Involvement Opportunities:

The EA and FONSI were made available for a 30-day comment period. During that time no comment letters were received.



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Date